

# National Recreation Trail Application for Designation



## Introduction

Thank you for your interest in the National Recreation Trail (NRT) program. Completed NRT application packages must be submitted by November 1 for the NRT designation to be announced during the following National Trails Day celebration in June.

Interested trail managers should begin the application process in coordination with their Regional NRT Program Manager by September 1 to insure they meet the November 1 deadline. If you need the contact information for your Regional NRT Program Manager, please contact the National Recreation Trail Coordinator at the address listed below. If your trail is on federal land administered by the Secretary of Agriculture, please contact the USDA Forest Service NRT Program Coordinator at (202) 205-1589 for guidelines on their application process.

Upon designation, the information you provide in the following application will be used to set up a NRT web page for your trail. To view existing NRT web pages, see [www.americantrails.org/nationalrecreationtrails](http://www.americantrails.org/nationalrecreationtrails).

Please note: The information provided on the NRT web page is intended as an introduction to your trail. Users will be advised to contact your trail manager or public information contact for more specific information on trailhead locations, trail use and restrictions if they intend to go out on your trail.

## For Information and Assistance

If you have questions about the NRT program, would like additional information including copies of the NRT brochure, or would like the name and contact information for your agency or Regional NRT Program Manager, please contact the National Recreation Trail Coordinator.

National Recreation Trail Coordinator  
Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program  
National Park Service  
U.S. Department of the Interior  
1849 C Street, NW (Org Code 2235)  
Washington, DC 20240-0001  
Phone 202-354-6900 Fax 202-371-5179  
Website: [www.nps.gov/nrt](http://www.nps.gov/nrt)

## NRT Application Package Instructions

Please complete the following NRT Application to apply for designation as a National Recreation Trail. Submit the

completed application with letters of support, a trail map, a trail brochure and photos highlighting your trail to the National Recreation Trail Coordinator by November 1. If you have digital images of your trail map, brochure or photos, please include these on a disk or CD with your application package for possible use on the NRT web page for your trail. Before sending a disk or cd, please contact the NRT coordinator for the appropriate shipping address.

The application must be submitted by the trail managing agency, organization or individual officially responsible for permitting trail use. If the trail is managed by more than one entity, either one application with a statement of support from all managing entities, or individual applications from each trail managing entity may be submitted.

Letters of support are required from all landowners, public and private, whose property the designated trail crosses. Letters of support are also recommended from local officials, members of Congress, and other organizations who help manage and maintain the trail.

Trail Name \_\_\_\_\_

Trail Location \_\_\_\_\_

County(ies) \_\_\_\_\_

State(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Congressional District(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Trail Managing Agency or Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Trail Managers Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, zip code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Fax Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Website address \_\_\_\_\_

Public Information Contact  
(if different from trail managing agency/organization)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, zip code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_ Fax Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Web site address \_\_\_\_\_

## *Existing Trail Designation*

*Please check all that apply.*

- ☐ None/Unknown
- ☐ Millennium Trail:  
    \_\_\_ National    \_\_\_ Legacy    \_\_\_ Community
- ☐ Other National Designation (Please list)

☐ State or local designations (Please list)

## *Trail Type*

*Please check all that apply.*

- ☐ Greenway
- ☐ Rail-trail
- ☐ Backcountry
- ☐ Urban trail/bikeway
- ☐ Snow trail
- ☐ Water trail
- ☐ Other (please list)

## *What is Special About Your Trail?*

***For marketing purposes, please describe all that apply and include a 1-paragraph descriptive narrative of your trail. If you need additional room, please attach a second sheet.***

- Innovative trail design and construction
- Connection with other significant trails
- Diverse partnership and support
- Accesses outstanding natural, cultural and/or historic resources:
- Provides trail experiences for underserved communities
- Serves a broad population
- Uses cost-effective management strategies

## Trail Uses & Activities

Mark **A** for Allowed or **P** for Prohibited.

### Trail Uses

- ☐ Bicycling (any)
- ☐ Bicycling-Mountain
- ☐ Boating-Motorized
- ☐ Boating-Non-motorized:
  - ☐ Canoeing
  - ☐ Kayaking
  - ☐ Rafting
  - ☐ Sailing
- ☐ Camping
- ☐ Camping-Backpacking
- ☐ Dogs-Mushing
- ☐ Dogs-On Leash
- ☐ Dogs-Off Leash
- ☐ Equestrian-Riding
- ☐ Equestrian-Pack Trips
- ☐ Equestrian-Other Stock
- ☐ Fishing
- ☐ Motorized Vehicles-ATV Riding
- ☐ Motorized Vehicles-Four-wheel drive
- ☐ Motorized Vehicles-Motorcycling
- ☐ Motorized Vehicles-OHV Driving
- ☐ Motorized Vehicles-Snowmobiling
- ☐ Pedestrian-Caving
- ☐ Pedestrian-Hiking/Walking/Running
- ☐ Roller/Inline Skating
- ☐ Shooting-Archery
- ☐ Shooting-Skeet
- ☐ Shooting-Target
- ☐ Skateboarding
- ☐ Snow-Skiing, Cross Country
- ☐ Snow-Snowshoeing
- ☐ Swimming
- ☐ Swimming-Diving/Snorkeling
- ☐ Wildlife observation - Birds
- ☐ Wildlife observation - Mammals

### Other activities

- ☐ Hang Gliding
- ☐ Hunting (any)
- ☐ Hunting-Archery
- ☐ Hunting-Big Game
- ☐ Hunting-Bird
- ☐ Hunting-Small Game
- ☐ Ice Skating
- ☐ Land Sailing
- ☐ Rock Climbing
- ☐ Rockhounding
- ☐ Snow-Skiing, Downhill
- ☐ Snow-Snow Play, General
- ☐ Snow-Snowboarding
- ☐ Sand Sailing
- ☐ Others (please list)

## Facilities At, Along, or Near the Trail

Please indicate the **number** of these facilities that exist.

- ☐ Bench
- ☐ Boat Launch
- ☐ Cabin
- ☐ Camping Area
- ☐ Corral/Hitching Rail
- ☐ Fire Ring/Grill
- ☐ Historical Site
- ☐ OHV Play Area
- ☐ Parking
- ☐ Parking, Trailer
- ☐ Picnic Area
- ☐ Public Shelter
- ☐ Resort/Ranch
- ☐ Restrooms
- ☐ RV Hookup
- ☐ Shooting Range
- ☐ Showers
- ☐ Sign: ☐ Interpretive ☐ Directional
- ☐ Ski Area
- ☐ Telephone
- ☐ Trail Access Information
- ☐ Trail Intersection
- ☐ Trailheads
- ☐ Trash Disposal
- ☐ Visitor Center
- ☐ Water, Non-Potable
- ☐ Water, Potable
- ☐ Other (please list)

## Features At, Along, or Near the Trail

Please indicate the **number** of these features that exist.

- ☐ Archeo/Paleontological/Historical
- ☐ Beach
- ☐ Cave
- ☐ Climbing Area
- ☐ Coastline
- ☐ Creek
- ☐ Geological
- ☐ Glacier
- ☐ Grove
- ☐ Lake, Pond, Reservoir
- ☐ Meadow
- ☐ Mountain Peak
- ☐ River
- ☐ Scenic Viewpoint
- ☐ Spring, Geyser
- ☐ Swimming Area
- ☐ Valley, Canyon
- ☐ Waterfall
- ☐ Wetland
- ☐ Other (please list)

## Accessibility

Trail length: \_\_\_\_\_ miles

Loop trail? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Lowest elevation: \_\_\_\_\_ feet

Highest elevation: \_\_\_\_\_ feet

Average width of tread or beaten path \_\_\_\_\_ inches

Minimum width of tread or beaten path \_\_\_\_\_ inches

Average grade of trail \_\_\_\_\_ %

Maximum grade of trail \_\_\_\_\_ %

Average cross-slope \_\_\_\_\_ %

Is user accessibility information available? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, in what format:

☐ trailhead signage ☐ brochure ☐ web site ☐ other

Additional information:

## Trail Fees

Admission ☐ Yes ☐ No amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Parking fees ☐ Yes ☐ No amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Permit required ☐ Yes ☐ No amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## Open Dates

☐ Open all year

☐ Open from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

## Times of Trail Operation

☐ Open 24 hours

☐ Open from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

## Seasonal Closures

*Please indicate dates and reason for closure.*

## Primary and Additional Surface Material

*Please check all that apply. Place the letter "P" next to the material that is the primary surface of the trail.*

- \_\_\_\_\_ Asphalt
- \_\_\_\_\_ Boardwalk
- \_\_\_\_\_ Bituminous Treatment
- \_\_\_\_\_ Bricks
- \_\_\_\_\_ Concrete
- \_\_\_\_\_ Crushed Rock, Compacted
- \_\_\_\_\_ Grass or Vegetation
- \_\_\_\_\_ Gravel
- \_\_\_\_\_ Paver Blocks
- \_\_\_\_\_ Puncheon
- \_\_\_\_\_ Rock, Boulders
- \_\_\_\_\_ Rock, Smooth
- \_\_\_\_\_ Sand
- \_\_\_\_\_ Snow or Ice
- \_\_\_\_\_ Soil
- \_\_\_\_\_ Soil, Compacted
- \_\_\_\_\_ Soil with Stabilizer
- \_\_\_\_\_ Water, Moving
- \_\_\_\_\_ Water, Still
- \_\_\_\_\_ Wood Chips
- \_\_\_\_\_ Wood, Running Plank

## Certification for Public Use

I hereby certify that: (1) I am duly authorized to represent the agency, organization or individual officially responsible for permitting trail use; (2) that the trail is in existence and will be available for public use, to the best of my knowledge, for at least 10 consecutive years after designation as a National Recreation Trail; and (3) for trails managed by more than one entity, that there is 100% support for the designation among all affected land owners and/or managers. All landowners that will be affected by this designation have been notified and concur with this application. If the trail becomes permanently closed to public use, we will immediately notify the National Recreation Trail Coordinator at the National Park Service.

Applicant Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Agency or Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_